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Report Highlights:

On August 20, 2014, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published the list of commodities subject to tariff rate quota (TRQ) regulations in 2015 and the volumes of the tariff-rate quotas for imports of these goods into the Customs Union territory (i.e., Russia, Kazakhstan, and Belarus). Unchanged from 2014, Russia's TRQ volumes appear consistent with its WTO commitments. Belarus TRQ volumes also remained unchanged, while Kazakhstan will reduce access for frozen beef in 2015. The EEC Decision shall enter into force 30 days from the date of its official publication (i.e., September 19, 2014).

Summary

On August 20, 2014, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published [Decision 131](#), “On the List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2015, and the Volume of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Imports of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space.”

The Russian TRQ volumes for 2015 will be the same as in 2014, which appear to be consistent with Russia’s WTO commitments. As in 2014, the EEC Decision on 2015 TRQs does not specify country-specific allocations for Russia, but rather leaves it to the Russian Federation to “distribute the volume of the tariff-rate quotas among third countries in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the World Trade Organization.”

Kazakhstan reduced the TRQ volume for frozen beef (from 15,300 MT in 2014 to 10,000 MT in 2015), leaving the allocation for chilled beef unchanged from 2014 (at 20 MT). In 2015, the Kazakhstani TRQ volumes for pork and poultry will remain the same as in 2014 at 9,700 MT and 110,000 MT, respectively.

The Belarus TRQ volumes remained unchanged from 2014. As in 2014, Belarus will be able to increase its TRQ for pork from 20,000 MT to up to 40,000 MT in 2015 if Belarus exhausts at least 70 per cent of the 2015 TRQ for pork in the first half of 2015.

The proposed TRQ allocations will enter into force 30 days from the date of the Decision’s official publication (i.e., September 19, 2014).

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

COLLEGIUM

DECISION

August 19, 2014 **No. 131** Moscow

On the List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2015, and the Volume of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Imports of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space

In accordance with the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 18, 2011, and the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 1 of November 18, 2011, based on the Agreement on the Terms and Mechanism of Application of Tariff-Rate Quotas of December 12, 2008, and the Agreement on the Functioning of the Customs Union within the Framework of the Multilateral Trade System of May 19, 2011, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission has decided:

1. To approve the attached List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2015, and the volume of tariff-rate quotas for the import of these goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space.
2. To establish that the tariff-rate quotas, specified in the List, approved by the present Decision (hereinafter – the tariff-rate quotas), shall apply to goods imported to the unified customs territory of the Customs Union and placed under the customs procedure of release for domestic consumption, with the exception of goods originating in and imported from the CIS member-states.
3. To establish that in case the volume of pork (CU HS Code 0203) imported within quota in the territory of the Republic of Belarus in the first half of 2015 is at least 70 per cent of the established volume of the tariff-rate quota, the said volume of the tariff-rate quota shall be subject to an increase by Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission of up to 40 thousand tons inclusively.
4. The Russian Federation shall ensure distribution of the volume of the tariff-rate quotas in 2015 among third countries in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the World Trade Organization.
5. To request the member-states of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space:
 - to implement distribution of the volumes of the tariff-rate quotas in 2015 among foreign trade participants in accordance with their legislation;
 - to instruct the authorized bodies to issue licenses for the import of goods, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas.

6. This Decision shall enter into force 30 days from the date of its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission V.B. Khristenko

APPROVED
by Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. 131 of August 19, 2014

LIST
of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2015, and the Volume of the Tariff-Rate Quotas for the Import of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space

Product Name	Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for 2015, Thousand MT		
	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled (CU HS code 0201)	0.0	0.02	40.0
Meat of bovine animals, frozen (CU HS code 0202)		10.0	530.0
Pork, fresh, chilled, and frozen (CU HS code 0203)	20.0	9.7	400.0
Pork trimmings (CU HS codes 0203 29 550 2 and 0203 29 900 2)*			30.0
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen (CU HS code 0207) - total including:	10.9**	110.0	364.0**
Frozen deboned chicken meat (CU HS code 0207 14 100 1)	10.0		100.0
Frozen bone-in chicken halves or quarters and frozen bone-in chicken legs and cuts thereof (CU HS codes 0207 14 200 1 and 0207 14 600 1)	0.0		250.0
Frozen deboned turkey meat, frozen cuts of bone-in turkey (CU HS codes 0207 27 100 1, 0207 27 300 1, 0207 27 400 1, 0207 27 600 1, 0207 27 700 1)	0.9		14.0
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen, not	0.0		0.0

specified above (CU HS code 0207 except for the codes 0207 14 100 1, 0207 14 200 1, 0207 14 600 1, 0207 27 100 1, 0207 27 300 1, 0207 27 400 1, 0207 27 600 1, 0207 27 700 1)			
Certain types of whey and modified whey, in powder, granules, or other solid forms, not containing sugar or other sweetening matter (CU HS codes 0404 10 120 1, 0404 10 160 1)	0.0	0.0	15.0

* Pork trimmings can be imported both as part of the tariff-rate quota established for pork trimmings and the tariff-rate quota established for pork

** This volume is allocated to the import of certain types of meat and edible byproducts of poultry to the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation, accordingly, in accordance with the commodity structure and within the scope specified in this List.

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For the official release of the Decision in Russian, please see:

<http://www.eurasiancommission.org/ru/Lists/EECDocs/635441275105815879.pdf>

Other relevant reports:

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